

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. When strikethrough cannot easily be perceived, or when five or fewer characters are deleted, ~~[[double brackets]]~~ are used to show the deletion. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 9 without prejudice or disclaimer in accordance with the following:

1. (cancelled)

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) A multi-layered organic electrophotographic photoconductor comprising:

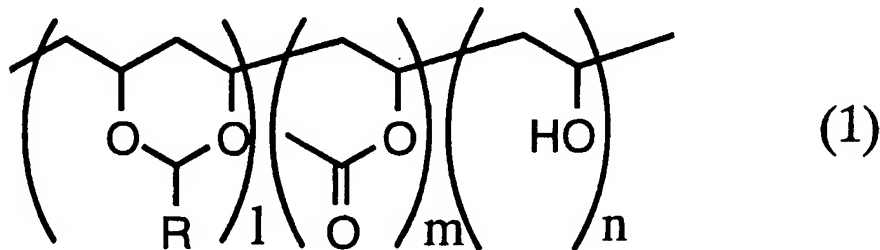
a conductive substrate and layers including an undercoat layer containing a thermosetting resin,

a charge generation layer containing charge generation material and organic binder resin, and

a charge transport layer laminated sequentially on the substrate,

wherein polydispersity defined by a ratio of a weight average molecular weight to a number average molecular weight of the organic binder resin is at least 4.0, and the weight average molecular weight is at least 7.0×10^4 in a distribution of a polystyrene-converted molecular weight obtained by gel permeation chromatography,

wherein the binder resin of the charge generation layer is substantially composed of poly(vinyl acetal) represented by the following chemical formula (1),



where l, m, and n are integers, and R is an alkyl group of one or more carbons or a hydrogen atom, and

wherein the binder resin of the charge generation layer is substantially composed of a mixture of two or more poly(vinyl acetal) resins that have different weight average molecular

weights and have an overlapping range in molecular weight distributions.

4. (original) An electrophotographic photoconductor according to claim 3, wherein a ratio of a weight of the charge generation material to a weight of the binder resin in the charge generation layer is in a range from 7/3 to 5/5.

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (cancelled)

10. (cancelled)

11. (previously presented) An electrophotographic photoconductor according to claim 3, wherein the undercoat layer has fine particles that perform functions of scattering exposure light and transporting photo-generated charges to the substrate.

12. (previously presented) The multi-layered organic electrophotographic photoconductor of claim 3, wherein the charge generation material is selected from the group consisting of phthalocyanine compounds and bisazo compounds.

13. (previously presented) The multi-layered organic electrophotographic photoconductor of claim 12, wherein the phthalocyanine compounds comprise a benzene ring having a substituent that is selected from the group consisting of a halogen and an alkyl group.